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VIA ECFS

March 5, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas
Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SWAT) hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ SWAT is an ILEC serving rural areas of Arkansas, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 4,987 eligible high-cost locations in the unserved high-cost Arkansas Census Blocks with these Census Tracts:

Columbia, 5027950100
Columbia, 5027950200
Columbia, 5017950300
Columbia, 5027950400
Columbia, 5027950500
Hempstead, 5057480100
Hempstead, 5057480200
Hempstead, 5057480300
Hempstead, 5057480400
Howard, 5061950100
Howard, 5061950200
Howard, 5061950300
Miller, 5091020900

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Nevada, 5099090100
Nevada, 5099090200
Nevada, 5099090300

The experiment will provide broadband service to 3,567 eligible high-cost locations in the unserved high-cost Texas Census Blocks with these Census Tracts:

Cass, 48067950100
Cass, 48067950200
Cass, 48067950300
Cass, 48067950400
Cass, 48067950500
Cass, 48067950600
Cass, 48067950700

The experiment will provide broadband service to 2,093 eligible high-cost locations in the unserved high-cost Louisiana Census Blocks with these Census Tracts:

Claiborne, 22027950200
Claiborne, 22027950300
Webster, 22119031100
Webster, 22119031200
Webster, 22119031300
Webster, 22119031400

Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds from 6 Mbps downstream / 1 Mbps upstream up to 100 Mbps downstream provided over *Fiber to the Home* technology.

Funding

Because the unserved high-cost census blocks within the selected Census Tract(s) have yet to be identified, SWAT is unable to actuality state the actual construction costs and amount of funding needed.

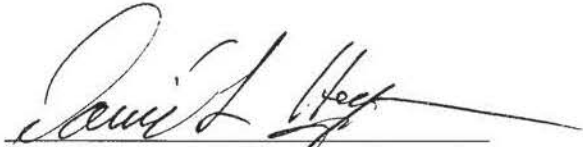
As an estimate, SWAT believes the cost to provide service to these Arkansas customers to be \$17,452,000 paid over a 5 year period. The actual costs will be identified if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

As an estimate, SWAT believes the cost to provide service to these Texas customers to be \$10,603,000 paid over a 5 year period. The actual costs will be identified if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

As an estimate, SWAT believes the cost to provide service to these Louisiana customers to be \$4,678,000 paid over a 5 year period. The actual costs will be identified if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

SWAT expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within two years after construction starts.

Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hegmann", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dave Hegmann / VP - Plant Operations
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